SUBJECT No. 301.

Abolition of octroi duty at Bannur.

Mr. Srinivasaiya, T.-Narsipur Tk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Government have ordered the introduction of octroi duties into Bannur Municipality. This is only troublesome to the inhabitants and no profit accrues from it to Government; for, though the population is above 5,000, all live upon agriculture. There are only about ten or fifteen shops and many of these shop-owners are agriculturists. As Mysore and Seringapatam are only 13 miles from Bannur, all purchases are made in those places and petty dealings take place in the "shandy" held one mile beyond the Municipal boundary. Under these circumstances the levy of octroi duties at Bennur, a purely agricultural place, is vexatious to the people and unprofitable to Government. It is therefore prayed that these may be abolished.

*Reply of Government.*—The Deputy Commissioner states that the introduction of octroi duties, which was sanctioned so far back as 1899, has been given effect to only this year. This is a matter of surprise. Why was this not carried into effect before? A special report with the opinion of the Board may be submitted.

SUBJECT No. 302.

A road from Malvalli to Talkad.

Mr. Sivabasava Devaru of T.-Narsipur.

*Summary of discussion.*—When it was urged last year that a road might be opened from Talkad to Malvalli, Government were pleased to order that they would undertake to do the metalling work if the raiyats did the earthwork. This road is not in the limits of our taluk. Every crop that is grown here has to go to Maddur *via* this road. Even articles received by rail have to pass through this way. Raiyats cannot do the earthwork as there are no big villages by the side of this road, nor can we do it as we are living at a distance. It is therefore prayed that both metalling and earthwork be kindly undertaken by Government.

*Reply of Government.*—The District Board has decided at its meeting held on the 19th August 1905, that this road is not necessary.

SUBJECT No. 303.

The opening of a road from Malangi to Santemarahalli

Mr. Sivabasava Devaru, Landholder, T.-Narsipur.

*Summary of discussion.*—In the matter of opening a road from Malangi to Marahalli sante, the Government have, in their Proceedings No. 5302-70-3—L. B., ordered that it could not be done. The only means by which people of these parts earn their livelihood is by exporting and importing articles from and to this "sante"; as carts cannot ply during the rainy season on account of the black soil, the opening of the road is much desired for the convenience of the public.

*Reply of Government.*—Since the Board has recently resolved that the road is not required, nothing can be done in the matter.